

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 29 are pending in the subject patent application. Claims 1 through 29 have been rejected.

Discussion of Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1 through 29 have been provisionally rejected by the Examiner under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting, over the claims of U. S. Pat. App. No. 10/354,905, which is commonly owned by the owners of the present application. Terminal Disclaimers by the owners of these two applications are submitted herewith.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 through 29 are patentable, and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (360)692-4506 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,



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